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For: **SUBCOATED SIMULATED CAPSULE-LIKE MEDICAMENT**

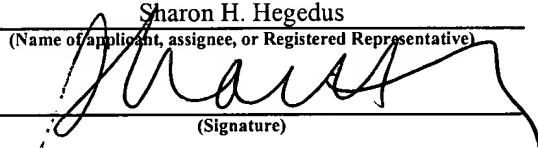
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-30.

Please add the following new claims:

-- A. A caplet comprising a caplet core containing a pharmaceutical active, said core having longitudinal sides, and said sides having a peripheral edge surface that is bowed in shape, wherein said caplet has a width to thickness ratio of about 1.

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